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THIRD READING

SB 195 (Garcia)

SB 195 would establish an administrative fine of up to \$1,000 for operating an agricultural labor camp without a license. Each day a person operated without a license would be a separate violation, but the total fine for continued noncompliance could not exceed \$10,000. All fines would have to be credited to the Migratory Labor Housing Fund.

Support: Agriculture Department, Michigan Farm Bureau.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 195 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 341 (Gilbert)

SB 341 would allow a city, village, or township to designate a downtown development authority located within its borders to operate a parking violations bureau. The city, village, or township would have to determine the bureau's expenses of operating and personnel. By allowing a city, village, or township to delegate the operation of a parking violations bureau to a DDA within the city, village, or township, the bill would provide a degree of administrative flexibility to municipalities. Also, allowing a city, village, or township to have its DDA operate a parking violations bureau could save the municipality the cost of operating a bureau and employing its staff.

Support: MEDC, Michigan Municipal League.

- SB 341 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

SB 342 (OLSHOVE)

SB 342 would further the goals of the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council by requiring the DMB to issue directives regarding State agencies' development and use of new facilities, the effect of new facilities on urban sprawl, and the use of existing infrastructure. By adopting policies consistent with the Council's recommendations, the State could optimize its use of existing infrastructure, help to reduce urban sprawl and preserve green space, and encourage private-sector redevelopment of urbanized areas. Indeed, the State already has pursued this approach to locating its facilities, as a Department of Environmental Quality facility recently was opened in a building that formerly served as a military tank production plant.

Support: MEDC, Michigan Municipal League.

- OLSHOVE 1 (1 amend) was adopted.
- SB 342 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 343 (BARCIA)

SB 343 would allow a city to establish multiple neighborhood improvement authorities for the purpose of halting property value deterioration and increasing property tax valuation where possible in a residential district. The bill would provide cities with a much-needed economic development tool to improve neighborhoods, increase property value and property tax revenue, and attract new residents and businesses.

Tax increment financing (TIF) is a proven method for a community to create a revenue stream to invest in its own development, and has long been used for economic development in commercial and industrial areas. While the development of new and expanded business and industrial activity is highly beneficial to a community, thriving residential areas also are an essential component of economic vitality in cities. Making a city a more attractive place to live can influence the decision of a business to remain, locate, or expand in a particular area. Attractive neighborhoods also can draw residents who will shop, dine, and otherwise conduct business in the city. Enhancing residential areas, then, also encourages economic growth. By authorizing cities to create neighborhood improvement authorities and use TIF programs, the bill would provide a mechanism for a city to reverse problems with property deterioration in its neighborhoods and promote residential growth and economic development in the community.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 343 was moved to 3rd Reading.